MAT Requirements for Child Day Programs

Code of Virginia
Drug Control Act CHAPTER 34.
§ 54.1-3408. Professional use by practitioners.

N. In addition, this section shall not prevent the administration of drugs by a person to a child in a child day program as defined in § 63.2-100 and regulated by the State Board of Social Services or the Child Day Care Council, provided such person (i) has satisfactorily completed a training program for this purpose approved by the Board of Nursing and taught by a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine, or pharmacist; (ii) has obtained written authorization from a parent or guardian; (iii) administers drugs only to the child identified on the prescription label in accordance with the prescriber's instructions pertaining to dosage, frequency, and manner of administration; and (iv) administers only those drugs that were dispensed from a pharmacy and maintained in the original, labeled container that would normally be administered by a parent or guardian to the child.

Standards for Licensed Child Day Centers

The regulation for child day centers contains a standard (22 VAC 15-30-310.D) that goes beyond the requirements of the law and requires medication administration training for anyone who administers prescription AND non-prescription medications.

Child Day Programs	Medication Administration Training
Child day center (licensed)	Training required for administration of Prescription and Non-Prescription medications
Family day homes (licensed)	Training only required for administration of Prescription medications
Religiously exempt child day centers (regulated)	Training only required for administration of Prescription medications
Voluntarily registered family day homes (regulated)	Training only required for administration of Prescription medications
Family day home systems (licensed)	Training only required for administration of Prescription medications
Certified preschools (regulated)	Training only required for administration of Prescription medications

Reminder: The *Medication Administration Training for Child Day Programs* teaches BEST PRACTICE and covers the administration of all medications, both prescription and non-prescription.